Past Pursuits

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A party at the Original Barbecue-Matic, located at 52 East Market St. during the 1940s and 1950s. From the Summit County Restaurant Collection.

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On Display: The Golden Age of Akron's Restaurants, 1930-1975

by Judy James, Division Manager

In 1951, *Akron Beacon Journal* reporter Ken Nichols reported that Akron restaurants had the capacity to feed 30,000 people at one time. From the 1920s through the 1960s, Akron was known as a restaurant town. Whether you wished to experience fine dining at one of the area's many "white tablecloth" restaurants or were simply in the mood for a plate of spaghetti or a juicy burger, eating establishments in Akron and the surrounding area offered everything a hungry diner could possibly desire. Yankos, Sanginiti's, Nick Anthe's, Martini's, Themely's, Kaase's, the Garden Grille, and more hold a special place in our hearts and our history.

Few of these local and family-owned restaurants exist today. As fast food and chain restaurants found their way to our community during the 1960s and 1970s, independent restaurant owners struggled to compete, and many shut their doors. A few found a way to survive, however, and still offer those tastes of yesteryear that bring back such fond memories.

Earlier this year, we were approached by Sharon Myers, a local historian and daughter of Marcel Moreland, one of the owners of Marcel's Restaurant. In its day, Marcel's was considered as one of our community's finest dining establishments. Sharon's interest in her family's restaurant motivated her to learn more about other restaurants that are recalled with such fondness and nostalgia. A conversation with Sharon led to our agreement to collaborate with her on a project to document and preserve the history of Summit County's restaurants. During her research, she met with many former restaurant owners and their families. An *Akron Beacon Journal* article by Katie Byard calling for memorabilia resulted in scores of calls and emails to Special Collections from people who graciously loaned or donated their precious items to us for inclusion in

The Embers I, located at 1985 W. Market St. in 1970. From the Summit County Restaurant Collection.

our local history collections.

Sharon's research, as well as the photos she has collected along the way, will be included in a booklet that she will donate to the Library's collection. In addition, many of these items will be featured in a fall display celebrating this important piece of our community's heritage. From September 20 through the end of December, visitors will have an opportunity to see and enjoy photographs, menus, and artifacts from the golden days of Summit County restaurants in a display located in Special Collections on the third floor of Main Library. Please visit us and enjoy a "taste" of our culinary history.

Getting to Know...Helen Waterhouse

by Mary Plazo, Librarian

Those who knew her described her in any number of ways: savvy reporter, sob sister, globe-trotting war correspondent, aviation nut, supporter of the unfortunate, true friend, or just a pest. But no matter how she was regarded, Helen Waterhouse was one of the most outstanding newspaper women in the country.

Helen Stocking Waterhouse was born on May 31, 1892 in Watertown, Massachusetts. She attended Boston Normal Art School and Fenway School of Illustration, and her newspaper career began as a correspondent for the *Springfield Union*. After relocating to Akron, she joined the *Akron Beacon Journal* around 1925 as a freelance writer and art editor. By 1928, she was hired as a full-time news reporter. Women were increasingly hired as journalists during this era. Most reported the human angle of a story or filled the pages with more emotional content to appeal to the growing number of female readers. These "sob stories" led to the reputation of women reporters as "sob sisters." Helen would go on to prove herself as serious front-page reporter, showing that women could wield just as much power in journalism as men.

Helen Waterhouse in the late 1950s. From Summit Memory.

Helen was known for her ability to get a big story. When a young male reporter came back insisting that he couldn't get an interview, Helen took the job and got it done. She covered the kidnapping of aviator Charles Lindbergh's baby in 1932 and was the first to interview Bruno Hauptmann. This caused such a stir that Walter Winchell called her "the Akron disaster." Never afraid to approach any public figure, Helen was also the first to interview the country's new First Lady in 1933. In short order, she contacted the White House, was granted access, and finagled a Sunday plane ride for a Monday interview in Washington, D.C. Helen had the interview sent off and printed in several papers before the White House gave permission. Nevertheless, Eleanor Roosevelt sent her an orchid and told her that all of the Washington correspondents were angry that Helen beat them to it.

Helen also had the talent to report in-depth about serious and controversial issues. In 1939, she spent a week in the Ohio State Reformatory for Women and won an award for stories based on her stay. She was a close friend to Reverend Bill Denton, pastor of the Furnace Street Mission. He remarked, "Her heart was in her work, so much for the underdog. She hated hypocrisy. Her good was demonstrated in her writing and in her acts."

Helen with Ohio Congressman William Ayres in the early 1960s.
From Summit Memory.

Yet others, including social workers, medical professionals, and colleagues, considered her a "pest." Helen was known for dodging authority and ignoring rules in order to help those in need. Fellow *Beacon* reporters recalled that someone was always waiting for Helen at her desk when she arrived, hoping that she could solve a problem. She always came through. *Beacon* historian Hal Fry offered a humorous portrayal of her dedication: "In the office she was both a legend and a joke… she seemed always to be moving at a half-run and tripping over things."

A passion for aviation led Helen to become the first woman aviation reporter in the United States. When news of the transoceanic flight of the Graf-Zeppelin broke out and the *Beacon* wouldn't send her on the assignment, she convinced the Akron *Times-Press* to give her the job and quit the *Beacon*. Having made her point, John S. Knight rehired her. She watched the construction of the *Akron* and the *Macon* airships in the early 1930s and flew into almost every airport in the country during her career. She interviewed several important figures in aviation, including Dr. Karl Arnstein, and among her friends were Amelia Earhart and Eddie Rickenbacker. These experiences deemed her the "Flying Reporter." Her association with Bain E. "Shorty" Fulton was also well known. Often receiving awards together for their work in aviation, Helen said, "We fought, bled and died together."

Travelling extensively for news stories between the 1940s and 1960s, Helen visited Asia, Russia, the Middle East, and Latin America. In 1946, she toured Europe on a special assignment for the *Beacon.* One of the highlights of this trip was her first interview with Pope Pius XII, in which she was able to tell him more about conditions in Yugoslavia than he had heard in months from other sources. In the midst of covering world events and interviewing dignitaries, she never forgot her hometown and her neighbors. She covered stories of local soldiers on the warfront, and on her way to Korea in 1951, she carried a book with the names and addresses of over 150 Akron servicemen. "I'm making no promises," she said, "but am praying I'll get to see some of the boys."

Helen lived at a fast pace, and her death was sudden as well, on the job she clearly loved. She suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at age 73 on June 13, 1965 while driving to an appointment with an associate of F. Lee Bailey to discuss the Sam Sheppard murder case. She had won more awards for writing achievements than any other newspaper woman in Ohio. Ben Maidenburg, executive editor of the *Beacon*, praised her "unflagging" curiosity and courage. "She embodied everything meaningful, not only to the profession of journalism, but as a great human being."

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After many years, HeritageQuest *has changed its look and now offers the complete U.S. censuses and new databases in addition to its traditional sources.*

Dig into Databases in 2016

by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

Most of the researchers who come into Special Collections have used or at least heard of Ancestry, and that's no surprise considering Ancestry has provided its online database since 1997 and currently sponsors the television show *Who Do You Think You Are?* It's undoubtedly a wonderful resource, but it's not the only subscription database the library provides to our patrons free of charge. Our new series of classes for 2016, Dig into Databases, will provide an introduction to four of the other databases we offer: Access Newspaper Archive, Fold3, HeritageQuest, and My Heritage - World Vital Records.

Access NewspaperArchive focuses on digital images of newspapers from around the world spanning 400 years. You can browse by location or date using the map and links on the homepage, or you can do keyword searches. When doing searches, be sure to click on the "Search" link at the top of the page to go to the advanced search page, which gives you more options for keyword searching and allows you to narrow results by date and/or location. Users have the option of viewing pages in JPG or PDF format. Specifics on searching, using the viewer, and saving and printing files will be covered in class on Saturday, April 16.

HeritageQuest has undergone a complete redesign in the past few months, but it still provides the same six collections that it has for years: the U.S. Federal Census, Family History Books and Directories, PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) Archive, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Application Files, Freedman's Bank Records and the U.S. Serial Set. While HeritageQuest used to have a limited index to census records, it now uses Ancestry's index, so all names and census years are now searchable. The new site also provides easier access to William Thorndale and William Dollarhide's *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1920*, which shows how county boundaries changed over the years and is an invaluable tool for doing smart census searches. In addition to its original six databases, the site, now "powered by Ancestry," has recently added cemetery records, immigration records, and public records also available in the Ancestry database. There will likely be more changes before our class on Saturday, April 30.

Fold3 was launched as Footnote.com in January 2007 and was rebranded in August 2011 to reflect its focus on military records. (Traditionally, the third fold in a flag-folding ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice.) While its collection of nearly 200 databases includes military sources spanning from the Revolutionary War though Iraq and Afghanistan, it also boasts an impressive collection of non-military records. Included are African American and Native American collections, U.S. city directories, naturalizations, passport applications, newspapers, photographs, and even the U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book UFO investigations. To learn more, join us for our Fold3 class on Saturday, May 7.

Founded as WorldVitalRecords.com in 2006 and acquired by MyHeritage Ltd. in 2011, **My Heritage -World Vital Records** includes more than 21,000 sources from 43 different countries. The collection may be browsed by location or surname or searched using the maps and links on the homepage. Among the more popular collections are MyHeritage Family Trees, the U.S. Census, digitized books, newspapers, yearbooks and photographs. Maps and civil and church records of all kinds are also included. Join us for our class on

Saturday, May 21 to learn more about this database.

Each of our database classes will take place 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in Computer Lab 2 on the first floor of Main Library. Please contact us by phone or email to register. Can't wait until class? There's no need. Librarians in Special Collections are happy to answer questions and help you get started anytime. You don't even have to come to the library. Unlike Ancestry, each of these databases is available to you from home simply by clicking on the "Databases" link on the left side of the library website. All but Access NewspaperArchive require you to enter the barcode number on the back of your library card. So dig into each of our databases and see what new information you can uncover in your family's history.

My Heritage - World Vital Records *offers a variety of genealogical records and sources from the U.S. and around the world.*

The Regimental Colors of the 29th OVI. Image from Ohio Civil War 150.

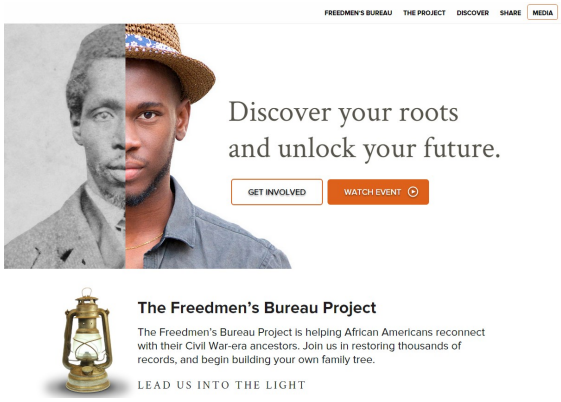
Civil War Flag Comes to Akron November 14

The 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI) was comprised mostly of men from northeast Ohio, especially Summit and Ashtabula Counties, and participated in some of the most significant battles of the Civil War. In June 1865, the *Summit County Beacon* called its tattered flag "a valuable relic of the terrible struggle from which our country has but just now emerged in such glorious triumph."

The 29th Ohio Historical Association was formed in 2009 by a group of re-enactors to honor the memory of the men who served in this unit. In 2014, they began fundraising efforts to restore the "valuable relic" once revered by local residents. Conservation efforts are now complete and the restored flag will be on display in Akron for one day only. On Saturday, November 14, 11 am - 4 pm at Main Library, join the 29th Ohio Historical Association for a celebration of this historic artifact. The flag will be on display in Meeting Room 2AB. A special program will take place at 1 pm.

Are you a descendant of the a 29th OVI solider? The Historical Association has assembled a list of men who served in this unit. Check the 29th OVI roster on the Association's website and let them know if your ancestor is listed.

"Much pleasure is derived from handling an old document that, having played its part in the work of the world, has in some mysterious way escaped the fate of like papers and is preserved to testify of circumstances and events of an age long past." - Andrew D. Mellick, "The Story of an Old Farm" (1889)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The Freedmen's Bureau Project is helping African Americans reconnect with their Civil War-era ancestors. Join us in restoring thousands of records, and begin building your own family tree.
LEAD US INTO THE LIGHT

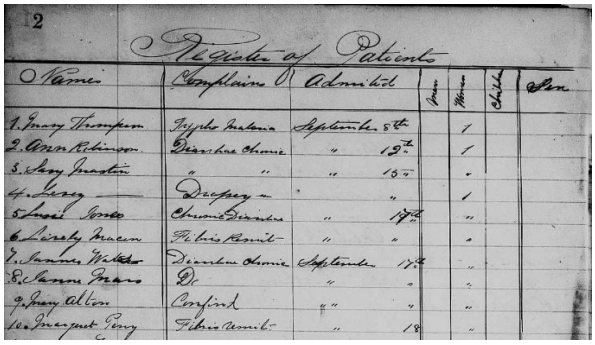
Freedman's Bureau Indexing Project: Reuniting the African American Family

by Jane Gramlich, Librarian

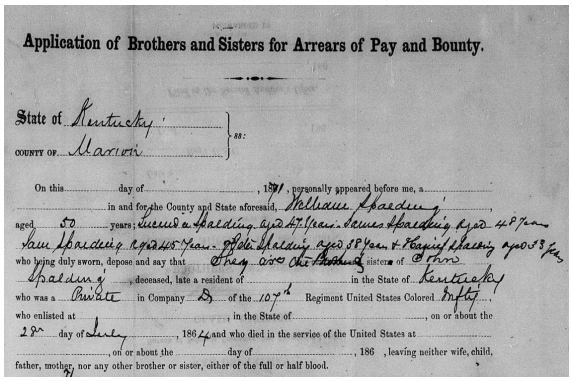
Toward the end of the Civil War, the Freedmen's Bureau was established to help former slaves adjust to new lives as free people. Among their important services, the Bureau distributed food and clothing and operated schools, hospitals, and refugee camps. The records of the Bureau are an invaluable piece of history and a priceless genealogical source for African Americans, containing information about military service, property, and employment. Family relationships and crucial vital records such as marriages and deaths may also be found. The documents are considered "the first reliable records for these new U.S. citizens." It's estimated that as many as four million individuals are represented in the records. The collection consists of nearly 1,400 linear feet of handwritten papers microfilmed in 1,882 reels.

For years, these records were stored and protected in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), but they were available only to researchers who could travel to Washington, D.C. FamilySearch International, in collaboration with many organizations, is working to make these records available online. Partner organizations include NARA, the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, and the California African American Museum.

Since 2014, digital images of the Bureau's records have gradually become available on FamilySearch's website, organized by state field offices. To discover the records, visit FamilySearch's list of historical collections. In the search box under "Filter by collection name," enter the word "freedmen."



This register lists patients admitted to the Home Colony Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama between September 1865 and June 1866. It provides date of admission, illness, and date of death or discharge. Image from FamilySearch.


Application of Brothers and Sisters for Arrears of Pay and Bounty.

State of Kentucky
County of Marion

On this ... day of ..., 187[illegible], personally appeared before me, a ... in and for the County and State aforesaid, Wallace Spalding, aged 52 years; Lucinda Spalding aged 47 years; James Spalding aged 40 years; Sam Spalding aged 45 years; Polly Spalding aged 38 years & Fayette Spalding aged 33 years who being duly sworn, depose and say that they are the brothers & sisters of John Spalding, deceased, late a resident of ... in the State of Kentucky who was a Private in Company B of the 107th Regiment United States Colored Infty, who enlisted at ..., in the State of ..., on or about the 28th day of June, 1864 and who died in the service of the United States at ..., on or about the ... day of ..., 186[illegible], leaving neither wife, child, father, mother, nor any other brother or sister, either of the full or half blood.

This document lists six siblings of private John Spalding of the 107th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry, who were applying for their deceased brother's military pay. Image from FamilySearch.

At this time, it's possible to browse the records, but most are not searchable. That's where indexing comes in. Digitizing the records is one substantial task, but practical access can happen only if these handwritten records are indexed and compiled into a searchable database. To accomplish that goal, FamilySearch and its partners are recruiting volunteer indexers. Indexing is done with software downloaded onto a personal computer. Anyone may participate and no specific time commitment is required.

Currently, indexing completion stands at 19%. Project organizers hope to have the records fully indexed and searchable by late 2016, in time for the opening of one of the partner institutions, the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. To learn more or to become a volunteer indexer for this historic project, visit www.discoverfreedmen.org.

Published in 1879, The Chesapeake Illustrated *offered a descriptive tour of Chesapeake Bay. From* American Memory, *Library of Congress.*

Online Resources for Maryland Genealogy

by Rebecca Larson-Troyer, Librarian

Researchers seeking information on Maryland ancestors will find a wealth of free resources online. A great place to start is the FamilySearch wiki for Maryland Genealogy, which offers a brief background on the state's history and recordkeeping, links to various records offices and resources by location and topic. An interactive county map directs users to information and resources applicable to each of the state's 24 counties and the independent city of Baltimore. Similarly – though to varying degrees of completeness – information for the various counties of Maryland can be found through MDGenWeb, including dates established, parent counties and available online resources.

The Maryland State Archives provides access to numerous indexes pertinent to descendants of Marylanders. Visit the Reference and Research page for information by topic. Descendants of early settlers in Maryland may find particularly interesting the page devoted to Land Records, which details the process by which settlers were granted lands by the Lords Baltimore. The Archives website also explains how researchers might obtain original records, including birth, marriage and death certificates, though original records are not able to be viewed online. Index files, which can be rather large to download, provide the basic information necessary to request original records. In some cases, though, the indexes offer a significant amount of information. For example, Baltimore City Court of Common Pleas (Marriage Index, Male) 1851-1885 links to digitized "marriage cards," which include the couple's names, ages, races, occupations, date of marriage and even the minister who performed the ceremony. Although cumbersome to access, the various indexes made available online through the Maryland State Archives can be quite useful for the patient researcher.

Several indexes offered through the state archives are also duplicated in FamilySearch, such as Maryland Marriages (1666-1970). FamilySearch additionally offers access to scans of original records for Probate, Guardianship and Estate files (1796-1940). Researchers may also wish to use FamilySearch for Naturalization Records: Indexes (1797-1951) and Petitions (1906-1931), as well as Civil War records for both Union and Confederate troops, however, the original images for these collections are only available by linking to Fold3 – a database that is provided through the Library to our cardholders. View all record sets pertaining to Maryland available via FamilySearch here, or visit the Maryland Online Genealogy Records page for links to records at the local, state and national levels, categorized by topic.

A number of Maryland city directories have also been digitized and are accessible online. For researchers with ancestors from the Baltimore area, visit the Baltimore City Archives or the University of Maryland Library for lists of directories, including links to digitized volumes. Directories for other areas of the state are available online through the Maryland State Archives, though these files are not searchable and can be rather difficult to use.

Various Maryland newspapers are accessible online through the Library of Congress' Chronicling America project and the Maryland State Archives digitized newspapers. To access more current newspaper content, contact a public library in the area your research centers by searching this handy online directory.

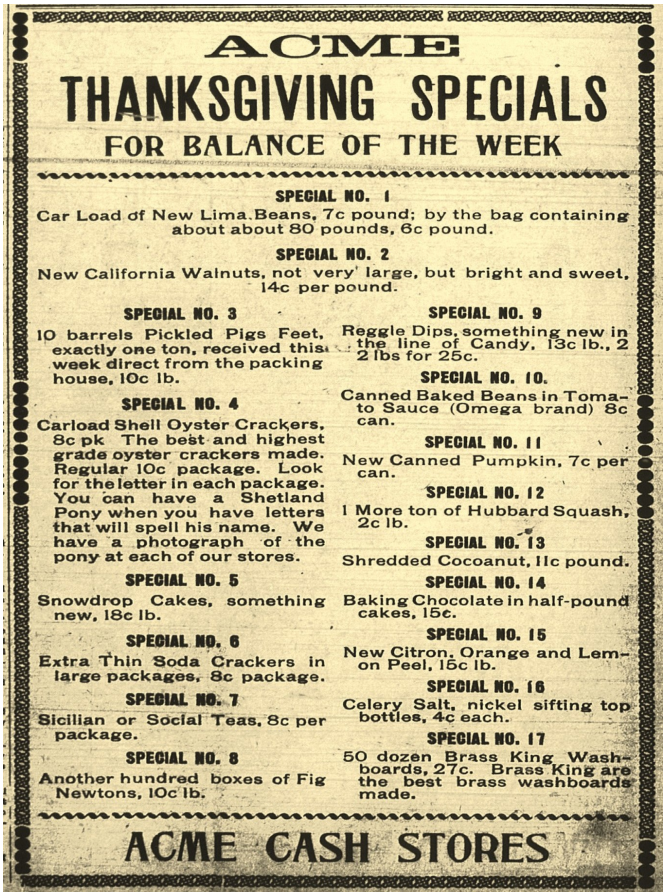
Past Pursuits Receives OLHA Award

Special Collections is pleased to announce that *Past Pursuits* has received an Outstanding Achievement award in the category of media and publications from the Ohio Local History Alliance (OLHA). Since 1960, OLHA has served as a network of community history organizations throughout the state and works closely with Ohio History Connection. Each year, they recognize significant projects, programs and publications produced by Ohio's historical societies, museums, and related organizations.

Published since 2002, *Past Pursuits* was originally conceived as an outreach tool highlighting Special Collections' programs and newly acquired materials, as well as local history and genealogy events in the area. Over the years, *Past Pursuits*' content has expanded to include original articles on a variety of local history and genealogy topics. We are proud to offer this unique publication and we appreciate our loyal readers.

On October 3, *Past Pursuits* editor Jane Gramlich will accept an award certificate on behalf of Special Collections at OLHA's annual meeting in Worthington. Sincere thanks go to all who supported our nomination, especially Jim Switzer, Dave Lieberth, Kip Sperry, Judy Davis, and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

Bits & Bygones: Snippets from Another Era



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THANKSGIVING SPECIALS

FOR BALANCE OF THE WEEK

SPECIAL NO. 1
Car Load of New Lima Beans, 7c pound; by the bag containing about about 80 pounds, 6c pound.

SPECIAL NO. 2
New California Walnuts, not very large, but bright and sweet, 14c per pound.

SPECIAL NO. 3
10 barrels Pickled Pigs Feet, exactly one ton, received this week direct from the packing house, 10c lb.

SPECIAL NO. 4
Carload Shell Oyster Crackers, 8c pk The best and highest grade oyster crackers made. Regular 10c package. Look for the letter in each package. You can have a Shetland Pony when you have letters that will spell his name. We have a photograph of the pony at each of our stores.

SPECIAL NO. 5
Snowdrop Cakes, something new, 18c lb.

SPECIAL NO. 6
Extra Thin Soda Crackers in large packages, 8c package.

SPECIAL NO. 7
Sicilian or Social Teas, 8c per package.

SPECIAL NO. 8
Another hundred boxes of Fig Newtons, 10c lb.

SPECIAL NO. 9
Reggie Dips, something new in the line of Candy, 13c lb., 2 2 lbs for 25c.

SPECIAL NO. 10.
Canned Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce (Omega brand) 8c can.

SPECIAL NO. 11
New Canned Pumpkin, 7c per can.

SPECIAL NO. 12
1 More ton of Hubbard Squash, 2c lb.

SPECIAL NO. 13
Shredded Cocoanut, 11c pound.

SPECIAL NO. 14
Baking Chocolate in half-pound cakes, 15c.

SPECIAL NO. 15
New Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, 15c lb.

SPECIAL NO. 16
Celery Salt, nickel sifting top bottles, 4c each.

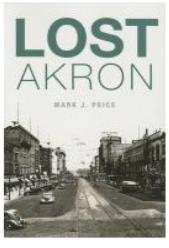
SPECIAL NO. 17
50 dozen Brass King Washboards, 27c. Brass King are the best brass washboards made.

ACME CASH STORES

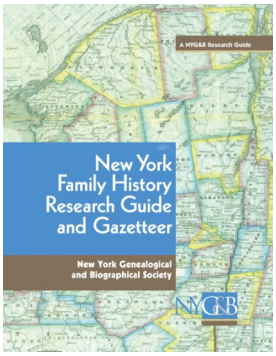
Acme's specials offer curious clues about the foods Summit County residents might have enjoyed for Thanksgiving dinner in 1908. We wonder who got the Shetland pony.
Cuyahoga Falls Reporter, *November 20, 1908.*

New Books

Special Collections is busy adding new books to our collection, including these titles. For more, visit the New Books page on our website.



Mark Price's followup to *The Rest is History: True Tales of Akron's Vibrant Past* revisits fifty Akron businesses and buildings, both well-known and obscure, that no longer exist. *Lost Akron* spans over 150 years of rise and decline, from the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal to the short-lived Richfield Coliseum. In this fascinating book, Akron's vanished history clearly reappears.



The long-awaited *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer,* prepared by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, is an essential manual for genealogists. New York State has been considered a particularly difficult area to research. This guide helps make sense of the vast array of resources for this state, including colonial era records, immigration documents, repositories, and online sources.

Summit County OGS Events

For more information, see http://summitogs.org.

Clues to Your Ancestors in Newspapers
(Chapter Meeting)
Presented by Tom Neel
October 17, 1:30 pm
Main Library

Discovering Your German Ancestors

On Saturday, August 22, approximately 140 guests attended our day-long program "Discovering Your German Ancestors" presented by author and genealogist James M. Beidler. Topics of the day included German migrations, German church records, online research, and methodologies for researching German villages. At the day's end, Mr. Beidler sold and signed many copies of his books. A sincere thank-you goes to the program's co-sponsor, the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, for their help and support.

Late Night at the Library October 23

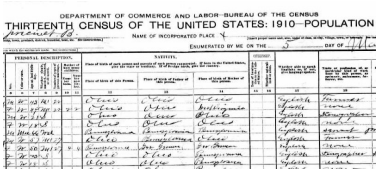
Join Special Collections and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for our annual after-hours genealogy event **Late Night at the Library,** an evening of genealogy research at Main Library.

On Friday, October 23, Main Library will close at its regular time of 6 pm and reopen exclusively for genealogists from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. Mingle with fellow researchers and enjoy refreshments and door prizes as you uncover the details of your ancestry. Sit in on a short "Getting Started" session or take a tour of the Special Collections Division. Give one of our new digital microfilm readers a try. Copies are free for the evening, and you can print from your wireless or mobile devices. Representatives of the Cuyahoga Portage Chapter DAR and William Wetmore Daughters of 1812 will be here for consultation.

Registration is **not** required for this event. Parking in the High–Market deck adjacent to the Library is free after 6 pm. For additional information, contact Special Collections at 330-643-9030 or speccollections@akronlibrary.org.

Special Collections Main Library Class Schedule

The Special Collections Division offers several recurring genealogy classes to help you with your family research. All classes are free of charge and open to the general public. Classes are also held at branches. Current branch class schedules are posted on the Special Collections website. **Registration is required for all classes held at Main Library. Please register by calling us at 330-643-9030 or emailing us at speccollections@akronlibrary.org.**


DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910—POPULATION

Finding Your Family in the U.S. Census
United States census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us to learn more about using these valuable records for your family research and how to effectively search the census using library databases. Because this class will use electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended.
Saturday, October 3, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Computer Lab 2

Internet Genealogy
There are an overwhelming number of websites for genealogy research. This class will provide tips for locating online resources for family history research and allow participants some class time to explore websites. The focus will be finding free online genealogy resources and brief introductions to the library's genealogy databases. This class does not cover Ancestry Library Edition as there is a separate class for this resource. Because this class will use electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended.
Saturday, October 17, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Computer Lab 2

Getting Started in African American Genealogy
Do you want to trace your African American family tree? Not sure how or where to begin? The Special Collections Division presents a two-hour class for genealogy beginners who have a specific interest in African American ancestral research. You'll learn genealogy research methods, tips and tools for getting organized, common sources used by genealogists, resources specific to African Americans, and challenges in researching African American ancestors.
Saturday, October 31, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Main Library, Meeting Room 2AB

Using Ancestry in Your Genealogy Research
With more than 10,000 databases and billions of images, Ancestry is the premier online genealogy resource – and it's available to you for free within any ASCPL location. This class will introduce you to the many features of Ancestry Library Edition and show you how to do efficient and effective searches. When possible, time for practice searching is also provided. Because this class will use electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended.
Saturday, November 7, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Computer Lab 2

Researching Your Immigrant Ancestors Before 1820
Tracing ancestors before 1820 can be extremely difficult due to a lack of documentation and limited accessibility of surviving records. Focusing on European immigrants to the eastern seaboard, this class is an overview of strategies and sources commonly used in researching early immigrants. Please note: This class is geared toward genealogists with intermediate research skills.

Saturday, November 14, 2015, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Main Library, Meeting Room 1

Identifying Your Family Photographs
A picture may be worth a thousand words, but unlocking the stories of unidentified photographs requires some sleuthing. This class includes tips and techniques for identifying historic photographs. Learn to read clues, such as the type of photograph, clothing and hairstyles, and even whether or not subjects are smiling, to reveal the stories behind every photograph. The class will also take a look at how genealogy databases and local history resources can be used to identify your family photographs.
Saturday, December 5, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Main Library, Meeting Room 2AB

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